

IN THE CLAIMS AMEND

1. (Currently Amended) A covering arrangement for a building, the arrangement having parallel elongate supports and, arranged on the supports, covering parts which

- a) comprise a core and, connected thereto, upper and lower planar covering elements in the manner of a sandwich,
- b) have an elongate, striplike form,
- c) in the installed positing are arranged transversely to the supports and extend at least from one support to a neighbouring support,

wherein

- d) a longitudinal border region (30) of a covering part (16) has a connecting device (68) and the opposite longitudinal border region (34) of a neighbouring covering part (16) has a connecting device (70) complementary thereto, by means of which the two covering parts (16) are firmly connected to each other;
- e) the connecting devices (68, 70) comprise at least one catch projection (78) and a catch recess (72, 74, 76) complementary thereto, wherein the catch recess comprises a plurality of connecting positions; such that
- f) the relative position of the covering part (16) with respect to a neighbouring covering part (16) can be varied.

2. (Original) A covering arrangement as claimed in claim 1, said arrangement being a roof (10) and said supports being rafters (14) of the roof (10).

3. (Previously Amended) A covering part for use in a covering arrangement as claimed in claim 1, which

a) comprises a core and, connected thereto, upper and lower planar covering elements in the manner of a sandwich, and

b) has an elongate, striplike form,

wherein

c) one longitudinal border region (30) has a connecting device (68) and the opposite longitudinal border region (34) has a connecting device (70) complementary thereto, such that the covering part (16) can be firmly connected to an identical covering part (16) at, in the installed position, mutually facing longitudinal border regions (30, 34).

4. (Deleted).

5. (Currently Amended) A covering part as claimed in claim 2, wherein the two connecting devices (68, 70) in the installed position cooperate in the manner of a hinge having a pivot axis, the pivot axis running substantially parallel to the longitudinal axis of the covering part (16).

6. (Currently Amended) A covering part as claimed in claim 2, wherein at least one of the connecting devices (68, 70) is integrated into a stiffening member (32, 36) arranged in the ~~a~~ region of the corresponding longitudinal border region (30, 34) of said covering part.

7. (Currently Amended) A covering part as claimed in claim 2, wherein the covering part comprises a length and a width, and the connecting devices (68, 70) each extend over the entirety of the width of the covering part.~~its entire length.~~

8. (Previously Amended) A covering part as claimed in claim 2 , wherein the connecting devices (68, 70) are designed in such a way that, in the installed position, the mutually facing longitudinal border regions (30, 34) of neighbouring covering parts (16) at least regionally overlap.

9. (Currently Amended) A covering part as claimed in claim 8, the covering part comprising at least two longitudinal borders, wherein at least one of its~~the~~ longitudinal borders (34) is drawn down.

10. (Currently Amended) A covering part as claimed in claim 2, the covering part comprising at least two longitudinal borders, wherein at least one of its~~the~~ longitudinal borders (30) is drawn up.

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